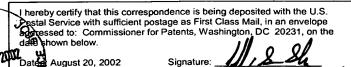


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002 in the aboveidentified application in which all pending claims (1-5 and 8-10) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. 112 (first and second paragraphs). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is requested in light of the following remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for three months extension of time to August 20, 2002 and is submitted herewith.